

AMENDMENTS

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A chalk-line for marking lines comprising:

a string having a first end connected to a reel and a second end connected to an attachment device, said reel configured to wind and unwind said string;

said attachment device comprising a string connection portion pivotaly connected to[[and]] a surface attachment portion, said surface attachment portion having at least two variable connection devices fixed relative to one another, each variable connection device configured to connect said attachment device to a surface.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The chalk-line of claim 1, wherein at least one of said variable connection devices~~said surface attachment portion comprises~~ comprise a clip configured to grasp an edge of a surface.
4. (Currently Amended) The chalk-line of claim 1, wherein at least one of said variable connection devices~~said surface attachment portion comprises~~ comprise a body defining an aperture, said aperture configured to engage a portion of a surface projection.

5. (Currently Amended) The chalk-line of claim 1, wherein at least one of said variable connection devices~~said surface attachment portion comprises~~ comprise a projection, said projection configured to puncture a surface and to hold said attachment device in engagement with said surface.
6. (Original) The chalk-line of claim 5, wherein said projection is threaded and configured to be screwed into said surface.
7. (Currently Amended) The chalk-line of claim 1, wherein said string connection portion has a string connection portion body, said string connection portion body being generally arcuately shaped, having a first end ~~configured to receive a pivot pin therein and extending in a generally arcuately shaped configuration toward~~ to a second end, said first end and said second end~~[[also]]~~ configured to receive a pivot pin therein, said string connection body defining an aperture dimensioned to allow passage of a portion of said surface attachment portion therein.
8. (Original) The chalk-line of claim 1, wherein said attachment portion comprises an attachment portion body, said attachment portion body comprising a first end configured to form a clip, said clip configured to grasp an edge of a surface, said attachment portion body defining an aperture, said aperture configured to receive a portion of a surface projection therein; said attachment portion body further defining a passageway configured to allow passage of a pivot pin

therethrough, said attachment portion body extending to a second end, said second end configured to form a threaded projection said threaded projection configured to allow insertion of said threaded projection within a surface.

9. (Original) The chalk-line of claim 8, wherein said attachment portion is pivotally connected to said string connection portion.

10. (Currently Amended) A adjustable chalk-line hook comprising:

a selectable surface attachment portion, said selectable surface attachment portion configured to provide at least three means for connecting said surface attachment portion to a surface, wherein said surface attachment portion comprises a threaded projection said projection configured to be inserted and held within a surface and to hold said attachment device to said surface; and

a string attachment portion configured to connect said string to said surface attachment portion said string attachment device configured to connect said string attachment portion to said surface attachment portion.

11. (Original) The hook of claim 10, wherein said string attachment portion is pivotingly connected to said surface attachment portion.

12. (Original) The hook of claim 10, wherein said surface attachment portion comprises a clip configured to grasp an edge of a surface.
13. (Original) The hook of claim 10, wherein said surface attachment portion comprises a body defining an aperture, said aperture configured to engage a portion of a projection connected to a surface.
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Currently Amended) The hook of claim 10, wherein said string ~~connection~~attachment portion has a string connection portion body, said string connection portion body having a first end configured to receive a pivot pin therein and extending in a generally arcuately shaped configuration toward a second end said second end also configured to receive a pivot pin therein, said string connection body defining an aperture dimensioned to receive a portion of said attachment portion therein.

17. (Original) The hook of claim 10, wherein said attachment portion comprises an attachment portion body, said attachment portion body comprising a first end configured to form a clip, said clip having a plurality of teeth and configured to grasp an edge of a surface, said attachment portion body defining an aperture, said aperture configured to receive a portion of a surface projection therein; said attachment portion body further defining a passageway configured to allow passage of a pivot pin there through, said attachment portion body extending to a second end, said second end configured to form a threaded projection said threaded projection configured to allow insertion of said threaded projection within a surface.

18. (Currently Amended) The hook of claim 17, wherein said surface attachment portion is pivotally connected to said string connection portion.

19. (Currently Amended) An attachment device for a chalk-line comprising:

a string attachment portion, said string connection portion having a string connection portion body, said string connection portion body having a first end configured to receive a pivot pin therein and extending in a generally arcuately shaped configuration toward a second end, said second end also configured to receive a pivot pin therein, said string connection body defining an aperture dimensioned to allow passage of a portion of said attachment portion therethrough;

a surface attachment portion, said surface attachment portion having a body comprising a first end configured to form a clip, said clip having a plurality of teeth and configured to grasp an edge of a surface, said attachment portion body defining an aperture, said aperture configured to receive a portion of a surface projection therein; said attachment portion body further defining a passageway configured to allow passage of a pivot pin there through, said attachment portion body extending to a second end, said second end configured to form a threaded projection said threaded projection configured to allow insertion of said threaded projection within a surface; and

said pivot pin configured for insertion within portions of said string attachment portion body and said surface attachment portion body said pivot pin configured to allow rotational movement of said string attachment portion and said surface attachment portions around said pivot pin.

20. (New) A chalk-line for marking lines comprising:

a string having a first end connected to a reel and a second end connected to an attachment device, said reel configured to wind and unwind said string; and

an attachment device comprising a string connection portion and a surface attachment portion, said surface attachment portion having at least two variable connection devices, each variable connection device configured to connect said attachment device to a surface, wherein at least one of said variable connection devices comprises a threaded projection configured to be screwed into said surface thereby holding said attachment device in engagement with said surface.

21. (New) A chalk-line for marking lines comprising:
- a string having a first end connected to a reel and a second end connected to an attachment device, said reel configured to wind and unwind said string; and
- an attachment device comprising a string connection portion and a surface attachment portion, said surface attachment portion having at least two variable connection devices, each variable connection device configured to connect said attachment device to a surface;
- wherein said surface attachment portion comprises an attachment portion body, said attachment portion body comprising a first end configured to form a clip, said clip configured to grasp an edge of a surface, said attachment portion body defining an aperture, said aperture configured to receive a portion of a surface projection therein, said attachment portion body further defining a passageway configured to allow passage of a pivot pin there through, said attachment portion body extending to a second end, said second end configured to form a threaded projection said threaded projection configured to allow insertion of said threaded projection within a surface.
22. (New) The chalk-line of claim 21, wherein said surface attachment portion is pivotally connected to said string connection portion.

23. (New) A adjustable chalk-line hook comprising:

a selectable surface attachment portion, said selectable surface attachment portion configured to provide at least three variable connection devices for connecting said surface attachment portion to a surface; and

a string attachment portion configured to connect said string to said surface attachment portion, said string attachment device configured to connect said string attachment portion to said surface attachment portion;

wherein said surface attachment portion comprises an attachment portion body, said attachment portion body comprising a first end configured to form a clip, said clip having a plurality of teeth and configured to grasp an edge of a surface, said attachment portion body defining an aperture, said aperture configured to receive a portion of a surface projection therein; said attachment portion body further defining a passageway configured to allow passage of a pivot pin there through, said attachment portion body extending to a second end, said second end configured to form a threaded projection said threaded projection configured to allow insertion of said threaded projection within a surface.

24. (New) The hook of claim 23, wherein said attachment portion is pivotally connected to said string connection portion.